a sense of duty; while by the contemplation, and worship of God, we
rise to that higher spiritual life which the author aptly describes as
amntam, immortality. Following only one of these disciplines to
the exclusion of the other is apt to generate spiritual blindness, *andham*
tamah and the author is scarcely wrong in thinking that the blindness
produced by an exclusive spirituality is a deeper blindness than what is
caused by an exclusive ceremomalism. Sankara, however, explains
Vidya to be only the knowledge of the a^ods and not that of
Brahman ".

CHAPTER V. THE KATHOPANISHAD.

This Upanishad which consists of six chapters records a dialogue between Yama, the god of death, and Nachiketa, a Brahmin youth, the son of Rishi Vajasravasa. The story is to be found also in the Brahmana of the Taittiriya Yajur Veda. Vajasravasa who is also known as Aruni Uddalaka Gautama performed the sacrifice of Visvajit. In this sacrifice, one has to give away all one possesses. Nachiketa observed that his father was parting as presents to Brahmins with all old, barren and useless cows, got disgusted with his father's miserly act and knowing that in this particular sacrifice, he, as a part of his father's property, was also intended to be given away as a present, asked his father: "To which of the priests are you going to present me ? " He repeated this question thrice. Enraged at the son's impertinence, the father turned round in anger and replied : "I will

give you to Death, Yama f"
The story in the Brahmana of the Taittiriya Yajur Veda
is continued as follows: Then came a voice to the young
Gautama as he stood up. "He, thy father said, go away to
the house of death, I give thee to death." Go, therefore,
to death when he is not at home and dwell in his house for
three nights without eating. If he should ask tliee " Boy,
how many nights have thou been here ? "
Say {(three ".
When he asks thee, " What didst thou eat the first night?"
Say " Thy offspring." <(What didst thou eat the second
ni^ht?" Say "Thy cattle". What didst thou eat the